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Restricting XM radio from providing local weather and traffic will do a dis-service to the listeners. I rely on the reports to get around the Houston area. Further, I quit listening to local radio anyway since I got my XM, so restricting XM's weather and traffic will not add me back to the listening audience of the local stations. I have tried listening to the traffic reports on the local talk radio stations but they "portion" the reports over time so that they can command your attention longer. By the time I hear the traffic report that is pertinent to my drive, I have already committed to a route. XM gives me the information quickly and succinctly allowing me to plan my drive.

The National Weather Service is not prohibited from providing local, commercial free weather, so why should XM be prohibited from providing the same?

I have DirectTV at home and receive the weather channel via satellite. Will the weather channel or DirectTV be restricted in the same way as being proposed for XM?

Please, leave XM alone. I like having the choice.